

Washington Citizens' Commission on Salaries for Elected Officials
February 22, 2007 – Meeting Minutes
Downtown Holiday Inn, Everett

The Meeting of the Washington Citizens' Commission on Salaries for Elected Officials was convened and brought to order by Ron Hopkins, Chair, at 6:00 p.m.

Commission Members Present:

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| • Debra Alyea | • Willeen Denton-Hornbeck |
| • Scott Baxter | • David Irwin |
| • Don Boggs | • Linda Lopez |
| • Dale Carlisle | • John McCallum |
| • Jim Clark | • Dirk Muyskens |
| • Alan Doman, Vice-Chair | • Brian Sadden |
| • Dorothy Gerard | • Katherine Wade-Easley |
| • Ron Hopkins, Chair | |

Staff Present:

- Carol Sayer, Director
- Teri Wright, Executive Assistant

Ron Hopkins read the Opening Statement for the Commission.

Ron Hopkins asked the Commission if there were any changes that needed to be incorporated into the January 9 and 10, 2007, meeting minutes. There were no changes requested. John McCallum motioned to approve the January 9 and 10, 2007, meeting minutes and was seconded by Willeen Denton-Hornbeck. Ron Hopkins called for a vote and it was unanimously passed.

Ron Hopkins mentioned that there were several local judges present and asked that they introduce themselves. Present were: Judge Bill Baker, Court of Appeals, Judge Steve Dyer, Court of Appeals, Judge Carol McRae, Snohomish County District Court, Judge Tim Ryan, Snohomish County District Court, Jeff Hall, Board of Judicial Administration, and Chris Washington, Superior Court Judges Association. They were present to answer any questions posed by the Commission.

Ron Hopkins stated that there were members of the public present who wished to testify before the Commission. Ron read the Procedure for Public Testimony.

Public Testimony was as follows:

- John Flowers commented that he believes the Commission should be giving larger raises to our elected officials. He stated that Legislators should work full time and be paid double in order to solve problems within the state.

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There was no one else signed up for public testimony, so the meeting moved in to a work session.

Teri Wright went over Legislation that is being tracked by staff. She asked the Commissioners to start thinking about the meeting in Spokane and to notify her with flight times so she can start making flight reservations. She pointed out that she only printed the last page of the Public Comment page because there had only been one addition since she last sent it to the Commissioners. Teri also mentioned that the Commission is currently being audited by the State Auditor's Office. This is a five year, routine, review and we do not anticipate any issues.

Carol Sayer reviewed the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act with respect to adoption of our final salary schedule. She stresses that the Commission cannot take action on any issue or item that is not included on the meeting agenda, including making changes to the salary proposal adopted at the January meeting. She also noted that Cary Randow's formal report on the Executive Branch Willis Evaluation has been received and posted on the web site. Carol also mentioned that the commissioner from organized labor, who is replacing Kamaria Hightower, should be made prior to the Commissions next meeting.

Ron Hopkins noted that there were now additional people from the public who wished to address the Commission.

The additional Public Testimony was as follows:

- David Mascarenas stated that Washington's elected officials need to be paid their worth and that they should be paid higher salaries.
- Paul Locke stated that our elected officials are over paid and waste what money they are given. They continue to find ways to raise taxes and are not careful with the tax money they manage now.
- Billye Brooks-Sebastiani asked how the Commission made the decision to give such large raises. Brian Sadden addressed her question. She stated that our website should state that the Commission looks at the position and not the performance.

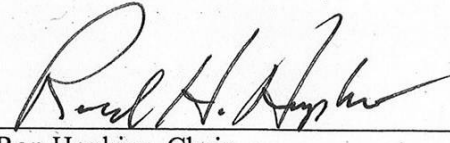
Ron Hopkins asked if there was any further testimony. Judge Bill Baker with the Court of Appeals and Chris Washington with the Superior Court Judges Association thanked the Commissioners for the work they do.

Ron Hopkins resumed to the work session which included discussion about the legislative stipend issue. This issue has been reviewed. The nature of requests for and the responses received and have concluded that it is unlikely that any additional information or clarification will be forthcoming. The subject will be considered for review in the May meeting to determine if any leadership positions may have been inadvertently overlooked by previous Commissions.

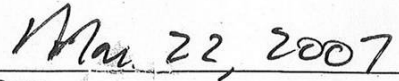
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Ron Hopkins thanked the public for coming and for taking time to address the Commission.

Dale Carlisle moved to adjourn the meeting at approximately 8:00 p.m. It was seconded by Willean Denton-Hornbeck and was unanimously passed.



Ron Hopkins, Chair



Date